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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: GRAHAM-LOW MISSION

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1. AS PLANNED (REFTEL), FONSEC OWEN DELIVERED A SPEECH
IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON MAY 4, IN THE COURSE OF WHICH
HE ANNOUNCED THE FORTHCOMING MISSION OF GRAHAM AND LOW
TO PURSUE PREPARATORY WORK FOR AN ALL-PARTIES ROUND-TABLE.

2. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, OWEN'S SPEECH ALSO
ANNOUNCED THE CONTINUATION OF SANCTIONS "UNTIL THE
GOVERNMENT AND THE HOUSE WERE SATISFIED THAT WHAT HAD
BEEN ACHIEVED WAS ACCEPTABLE TO THE PEOPLE OF RHODESIA
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AS A WHOLE." OWEN FURTHER ANNOUNCED THAT THE MINISTRY
OF OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT WOULD, SUBJECT TO PARLIAMENTARY
APPROVAL, PROVIDE A GRANT OF 238,000 POUNDS TO THE
CHRISTIAN AID ORGANIZATION FOR RELIEF ACTIVITIES WITHIN
RHODESIA.

3. PARLIAMENTARY REACTION TO OWEN'S SPEECH WAS

PREDICTABLE: CONSERVATIVE MP'S FROM SHADOW FOREIGN
SECRETARY JOHN DAVIES ON DOWN CALLED FOR SUPPORT OF THE
INTERNAL SETTLEMENT AND LIKENED THE PATRIOTIC FRONT TO
"THE EQUIVALENT OF THE IRA." LABOR LOYALISTS URGED OWEN
TO STAND FAST ON THE PRINCIPLES OF THE AAI AND
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